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Topic: Open Meetings Act Exemption **Sponsor:** Representative Fred Miller

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The Open Meetings Act requires all meetings of a public body to be open to the public. One exemption to this requirement is when certain public bodies meet solely to deliberate the merits of a case. The bill amends the Act to include the Michigan Employment Relations Commission (MERC) in the list of public bodies that can meet privately when deliberating the merits of a case.